

REMARKS

Consideration of the application as amended above is respectfully requested.

In the specification, a new paragraph has inserted on page 1, line 5, to provide the priority of the present application, and does not add new matter to the present application.

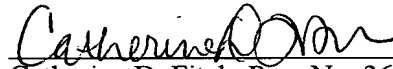
Claims 1 to 19 were pending in the International Application. Claims 1 to 19 have been cancelled and new Claims 20 to 38 have been inserted in their place. New Claims 20-34 correspond to original Claims 1 to 15. New Claim 35 finds support in original Claim 16 and in the specification at page 10, lines 24-26. New Claim 36 finds support in original Claim 17 and in the specification at page 39, lines 32-35. New Claim 37 finds support in original Claim 18 and in the specification at page 40, lines 1-32. New Claim 38 finds support in original Claim 19 and in the specification at page 40, lines 31-32.

The claim set presented in this paper does not add new matter to the present application.

Applicants respectfully contend that the application is allowable, and a favorable response from the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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